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Series: Outer Space [NAID 591597]

OUTER SPACE (OS)

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Digitization note:

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Scope and content note:

This subject category contains materials pertaining to plans, programs, research, exploration and development of non-military air and outer space. Included in this category are materials concerning space programs of other countries such as the Soviet Union and joint space efforts by the United States with other countries. There are materials on the United Nations Treaty on Outer Space and the Agreement on the Rescue and Return of Astronauts and Return of Space Objects.

Primary correspondents are Julian Scheer, E. C. Welsh, James E. Webb, Robert Seamans and Dr. Donald Hornig. Materials pertaining to the following subjects will be found in other subject categories:

Communications Satellites : SEE UT 1
Meteorological Rockets and Satellites : SEE SC 2-3
Sciences : SEE SC
National Aeronautics and Space Administration : SEE FG
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The Executive file contains weekly memos from Edward C. Welsh, NASC, to the President concerning space activities of the United States and other countries. These memos include comments on launches, results of tests, achievements, failures, programs such as GEMINI and APOLLO, the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) and LUNA 9 and SURVEYOR I. There is material in this category referring to the Dryden-Blagonravov talks in Geneva on the U.S.- USSR Bilateral Space Agreements. In addition to these items on space, there is material on the U.N. Treaty on Outer Space. Included in this file are reports on the NASA budgets and future programs. Also mentioned is the UFO study done by the University of Colorado and the Air Force. There are several drafts of speeches, messages, newspaper clippings and magazine articles pertaining to space. The General material contains comments from the general public on the space program, including suggestions and proposals to be used by NASA. There is additional material on the UFO study. 1-1/3'.

OS 1

AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE RESEARCH

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The Executive File contains suggestions of possible uses for the knowledge gained from the space program such as the discovery and better utilization of the earth's resources and space medicine. Included is a letter on space vacuum and reminiscences about early boyhood with the Johnsons in Texas. Concern among White House Staff members and Congressional leaders was expressed over the expenditures for development in space research. There are comments on the nuclear rocket development program. In the General File there is additional material on the effects of funding for space research. There are several letters expressing concern over the location of space research facilities. A number of memos and letters refer to the NERVA project, communications satellites and the NIKE-X program. 3".

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OS 3

LAUNCHING SITES-TRACKING STATIONS

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Contained in the Executive File is a press kit on the dedication of Goldstone, the Automatic Space Tracking and Telemetry Antennas, which is a part of the Deep Space Network of NASA. There are numerous cross references to communications satellites in UT 1. In the General File there are materials concerning the awards of contracts for building launching and tracking stations as well as arrangements for and opinions on the location of the launching and tracking sites. In addition there are suggestions for the use of ships from the Maritime Reserve Fleet and bodies of water in the United States as launching and tracking sites. Some correspondence showed concern over the NASA space tracking stations in South Africa and that country's racial policies. 1".

OS 4

SPACE FLIGHT

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In the Executive material there are several press kits for a variety of spacecraft launches and flights. There are some memos and letters from Senator Pastore and Congressman Holifield concerning the testing of spacecraft using nuclear reactors for power. There are more memos pertaining to cooperation between the U. S. and the USSR on space projects and exchange of communications. The files contain numerous telegrams from foreign heads of governments congratulating the United States on the Gemini and Apollo flights. There are mentions of coordination by the United States and other countries such as Australia and West Germany on the use of orbiting spacecraft and the knowledge gained from space flights. There is correspondence on the photographs of Mars sent back by Mariner IV. There is considerable material on the Apollo fire and the deaths of Astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee. Following successful flights, there are several drafts of presidential messages. The General material includes congratulatory messages from the general public and some individuals in other countries on launches and flights. There is a letter from Congressman Teague on the coordination between NASA and DOD. Some individuals expressed doubts about proposed moon shots. There were some letters concerning the SST. 3-1/3'.

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ASTRONAUTS

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In the Executive File much of the material refers to the plans for visits by astronauts to foreign countries as good will ambassadors. Many memos concern promotions and special recognition of astronauts following their flights. Primarily the General material refers to the death of the three astronauts in Apollo I and proposals to honor them. There are many requests for the astronauts to speak or appear at special occasions. 6".

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